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SPAIN.

*Smallpox epidemic at Valencia—Compulsory vaccination.*VALENCIA, SPAIN, *December 28, 1901.*

SIR: The alcalde of Valencia, Spain, has issued the following proclamation:

1. Vaccination and revaccination of all the inhabitants not already vaccinated hereby declared compulsory in the city and municipal district of Valencia.

2. To facilitate compliance with this order, without expense or trouble to the inhabitants, all the sanitary posts and relief stations of the city shall be permanently open.

3. All municipal doctors shall make known to the families of the sick poor whom they visit that they can only assist and supply medicines gratuitously on condition that they get vaccinated within twenty-four hours.

4. All schoolmasters, both of public and private schools, shall require certificates of vaccination from their pupils and hold the same to be shown to municipal doctors charged with sanitary inspection of schools.

5. Laborers employed by the municipality will not receive wages unless they present medical certificates of vaccination.

6. Directors and owners of factories and workmen of all classes shall exact from all their employees certificates of vaccination under penalty of fine if they admit anyone without such certificate.

7. The directors of penitentiaries, hospitals, almshouses, homes for invalids, asylums, sanitariums, or similar establishments, shall proceed immediately, if they have not done so already, to vaccinate or revaccinate all those under their care, and refuse admittance to visitors not furnished with vaccination certificates.

8. In the shelter sheds and casualty wards for paupers no admission or assistance will be given to the unvaccinated unless they submit to vaccination on the spot.

9. The charity tickets distributed on feast days by submayors will not be honored unless accompanied by certificates of vaccination.

10. All applications for stalls and booths in public markets must be accompanied by such certificates or no notice will be taken of them.

11. No name shall be inscribed on the parish poor list of any unvaccinated person.

12. Submayors shall visit and inspect all houses in their respective districts, beginning with those in which cases of smallpox exist, and shall insist on the immediate vaccination of all those who have not already complied with this order, threatening with summons and fine for disobedience to constituted authorities and endangering public health if they refuse to get vaccinated within twenty-four hours.

13. Proprietors of hotels and lodging-houses shall refuse to admit anyone without proof of recent vaccination.

The infraction of any of the foregoing articles will be punished with a fine of 50 pesetas.

Respectfully,

R. M. BARTLEMAN,
United States Consul.

The SURGEON-GENERAL,
U. S. Marine-Hospital Service.